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SU0JECT:LETTERS FROM DENKTASH TO PRESIDENT FORD AND GOVERNOR CARTER

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE LETTER DATED OCTOBER 8 TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM DENKTASH, SIGNING AS PRESIDENT, TFSC, FORWARDED BY "TFSC REPRESENTATIVE" ATALAY OCTOBER 22. DENKTASH MESSAGE COMMENTS ON LETTER SENT BY WHITE HOUSE TO AHEPA ILLINOIS CHAPTER EARLIER THIS YEAR, WHICH CITES FIVE PRINCIPLES FOR CYPRUS SETTLEMENT OUTLINED IN SECREGARY'S 1975 UNGA SPEECH. DENKTASH ALSO ENCLOSES COPIES OF LETTERS TO CARTER DATED JUNE 1 AND AUGUST 20.

2. IN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, DENKTASH "FULLY SHARES.... VIEWS THAT THE DETAILS OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT ARE FOR THE
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TWO COMMUNITIES TO DECIDE," ASSERTS THAT IN SPITE OF TURK

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CYPRIOT EFFORTS TO KEEP INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ALIVE, RESUMPTION OF TALKS HAS PROVEN IMPOSSIBLE THUS FAR DUE TO "GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE'S INSINCERITY." LETTER GOES ON TO COMPLAIN OF GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP SEEKING INTERNATIONALIZATION, "ABUSING THEIR DE FACTO RECOGNITION AS THE 'GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS'" AND "CONTINUED TREATMENT OF THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION AS THE DE JURE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS." LETTER ALSO REITERATES THAT UN DELIBERATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS "HAVE NO PRACTICAL VALUE" SINCE TURK CYPRIOTS ARE DENIED VOICE.

3. LETTER CONTINUES WITH USUAL LINE AMPLIFYING ON GREEK CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE AND USE OF HUMANITARIAN NON-ISSUE AS PROPAGANDA PLOY, CONCLUDES BY ASKING THE PRESIDENT TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES "TO PERSUADE THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO ABANDON ITS POLICY TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ...AND TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE FOR MEANINGFUL TALKS."

4. OTHER POINT IN LETTER ARE:

-- NO RETURN OF GREEKS TO NORTH OTHER THAN THOSE AGREED UNDER VIENNA III;
-- ASSERTION THAT THERE IS "NOT A SINGLE TURKISH CYPRIOT REFUGEE WHO IS WILLING TO RETURN TO THE SOUTH;'
-- REASSERTION THAT TURKISH TROOP WITHDRAWAL BEFORE SETTLEMENT WOULD "INEVITABLY RESULT IN UTTER CHAOS AND RENEWED BLOODBATH," BUT THAT TURK TROOPS WOULD WITHDRAW SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH GREEK MAINLAND TROOPS IN THE SOUTH WHEN A SOLUTION IS FOUND; AND
-- STATEMENT THAT "THE BRITISH SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS IN THE ISLAND WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE RELINQUISHED BY GREAT BRITAIN AND THE TROOPS STATIONED THERE WITHDRAWN."

5. AUGUST 20 LETTER TO CARTER CENTERS AROUND DENKTASH STATEMENT THAT "IT IS...WRONG IN LAW AND IN FACT TO SPEAK OF MINORITIES OR MAJORITIES IN THE CYPRUS CONFLICT," AND STATES THAT "IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT WE SHOULD ABANDON (TURKISH CYPRIOT) RIGHTS IN ORDER TO SATISFY GREEK-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE USA AND THUS CONDEMN OUR COMMUNITY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UTTER DESTRUCTION." JUNE 1 LETTER IS LENGTHY REHEARSAL OF TURK CYPRIOT POSITION, INCLUDING SELECTION OF ATROCITY PHOTOS, UN DOCUMENTS, ETC. WE ARE UNAWARE WHAT RESPONSE, IF ANY, CARTER MAY HAVE MADE.

6. WE PLAN TO RECOMMEND THAT WHITE HOUSE MAKE NO RESPONSE. WE ALSO PLAN TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH TURKISH EMBASSY HERE AND EXPRESS OBJECTION TO ATALAY USE OF "TFSC REPRESENTATIVE"

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TITLE. WE WOULD ALSO MAKE CLEAR THAT, WHILE WE WELCOME FULLEST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY LEADER, WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE "TFSC" AND CANNOT TAKE COGNIZANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS WHICH IMPLY LEGITIMACY OF SUCH AN ENTITY OR ITS AUTHORITY.

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